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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

1. Rejection of claim 1 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a):

Claim 1 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Lok (US 6,068,519) in view of Wu (US 2003/0073469) and further in view of Snyder et al (US 2004/0204185).

Response:

Claim 1 has been amended to overcome this rejection. Claim 1 now recites that the insulative body contains a first engaging sink and a second engaging sink located opposite the first engaging sink. The first engaging sink accommodates a microphone and the second engaging sink accommodates a coin battery. Furthermore, claim 1 recites that the microphone and the coin battery are both flat, are disposed on opposite sides of the insulative body, and are substantially parallel to each other and the insulative body. These amendments are fully supported by figures 5 and 6 of the instant application, and no new matter is added through the amendment of claim 1.

On the other hand, Wu does not teach an insulative body having a first engaging sink and a second engaging sink located opposite the first engaging sink. Wu also does not teach the claimed limitations of the microphone and the coin battery both being flat, being disposed on opposite sides of the insulative body, and being substantially parallel to each other and the insulative body.

Instead, Wu teaches in Figure 2 and in paragraph 0018 that the battery pack 600 is disposed in a lower side of a back cover 220, and is then covered by a backside cover 610. Wu does not teach that the microphone 400 and the battery pack 600 are both flat and are substantially parallel to each other and the insulative body. Wu also does not teach the use of a flat microphone 400, and the battery pack 600 and the

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microphone 400 are not parallel to each other and to the insulative body, as is claimed. Therefore, Wu does not teach an insulative body that encapsulates a flat coin battery and a flat microphone in parallel on opposite sides of the insulative body.

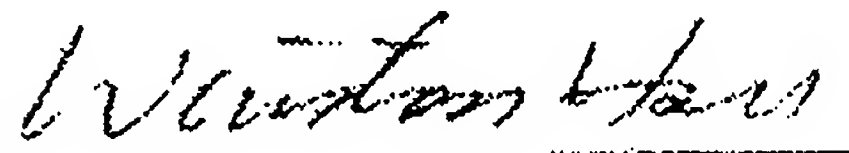
5 Since Lok, Wu, and Snyder et al all fail to teach the above mentioned limitations of the currently amended claim 1, the applicant respectfully submits that claim 1 is now patentable over the cited prior art. Claims 2-8 are dependent on claim 1, and should be allowed if claim 1 is allowed. Reconsideration of claims 1-8 is therefore respectfully requested.

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Applicant respectfully requests that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

Sincerely yours,

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